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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an amendment filed 3/7/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-10, renumbered 2-9 and 1, respectively.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/1/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jennifer Reda on 3/29/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 has been canceled.

Claims 2-10 have been replaced as follows:

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus which processes image data, comprising:

a connector, arranged to connect said image processing apparatus to a network to which plural client terminals are connectable;

an acceptor, arranged to accept a request from one of the plural client terminals connected via said connector;

a processor, arranged to perform a process regarding the image data in accordance with the request accepted by said acceptor;

a registering unit, arranged to register the content of the process performed by said processor;

a discriminator, arranged to discriminate, when the request is accepted by said acceptor, whether or not the content of the process according to the request has been registered in said registering unit; and

a determinator, arranged to determine the content of the process by said processor when the request is accepted by said acceptor in accordance with a discrimination request by said discriminator;

wherein said determinator determines a format of data to create a screen to be displayed on the client terminal in accordance with the request accepted by said acceptor.

Claim 3. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the screen is to display information regarding the image data for the client terminal which sent the request accepted by said acceptor.

Claim 4. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the screen is to select a destination necessary to transmit the image data.

Claim 5. (Previously Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 2, further comprising a sending unit, arranged to send the registered content to the client terminal which sent the request, when the content of the process is registered by said registering unit.

Claim 6. (Previously Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said processor generates a Web page according to the request accepted by said acceptor.

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Claim 7. (Previously Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 2, further comprising an outputter, arranged to output the image data,

wherein said determinator limits a function regarding said outputter in accordance with the client terminal which sent the request accepted by said acceptor.

Claim 8. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said outputter prints an image on a recording sheet on the basis of the image data, and said determinator limits the number of faces of the recording sheet to which the printing by said outputter is permitted discriminatingly for each client terminal.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A control method of an image processing apparatus which processes image data, said method comprising:

a connecting step of connecting the image processing apparatus to a network to which plural client terminals are connectable;

an accepting step of accepting a request from one of the plural client terminals connected to the image processing apparatus via the network;

a processing step of performing a process regarding the image data in accordance with the request accepted in said accepting step;

a registering step of registering the content of the process performed in said processing step;

a discriminating step of discriminating, when the request is accepted in said accepting step, whether or not the content of the process according to the request

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has been registered in a registering unit in said registering step; and

a determining step of determining the content of the process in said processing step when the request was accepted in said accepting step in accordance with a discrimination request of said discriminating step, wherein said determining step determines a format of data to create a screen to be displayed on the client terminal in accordance with the request accepted in said accepting step.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) A computer readable-medium storing a program for controlling an image processing apparatus which processes image data, wherein said program executes a control method comprising:

a connecting step of connecting the image processing apparatus to a network to which plural client terminals are connectable;

an accepting step of accepting a request from one of the plural client terminals connected to the image processing apparatus via the network;

a processing step of performing a process regarding the image data in accordance with the request accepted in said accepting step;

a registering step of registering the content of the process performed in said processing step;

a discriminating step of discriminating, when the request is accepted in said accepting step, whether or not the content of the process according to the request has been registered in a registering unit in said registering step; and

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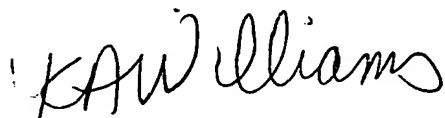
a determining step of determining the content of the process in said processing step when the request was accepted in said accepting step in accordance with a discrimination request of said discriminating step, wherein said determining step determines a format of data to create a screen to be displayed on the client terminal in accordance with the request accepted in said accepting step.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimberly A. Williams whose telephone number is (571) 272-7471. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on (571) 272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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